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PM hit by same-sex uproar

► During stop in Halifax, Harper vows not to reopen gay marriage debate ► Feds say they will clarify issue of same-sex divorce

The federal justice minister says he will look at clarifying the law to ensure gay couples from abroad who marry in Canada can also get divorced.

Rob Nicholson says he will study options to make it clear that same-sex marriages "performed in Canada can be undone in Canada."

There are now doubts about the validity of thousands of marriages conducted in Canada for same-sex couples from the United States and elsewhere following a federal twist in a Charter of Rights case launched in Ontario by two foreign women seeking a divorce.

A legal brief filed by federal lawyers denies the women are even legally married because nei-

ther woman was legally able to marry the other under the laws of their home country.

The news quickly prompted critics to charge Stephen Harper's Conservative government with rewriting the rules on gay marriage to suit its right-wing agenda.

"I think it's the radical right by stealth," Liberal Leader Bob Rae said Thursday.

Harper said he was unaware of the details of the case, but stressed his government has no desire to revisit same-sex marriage.

"We have no intention of further opening or reopening this issue," Harper said in Halifax.

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High. Fives

► Toronto Blue Jays outfielder Eric Thames is greeted by students as he walks into the St. Stephen's Elementary School gymnasium on Thursday morning. Thames and three other Blue Jays were in Halifax as part of the team's winter tour to eastern Canadian cities. Story, page 5.

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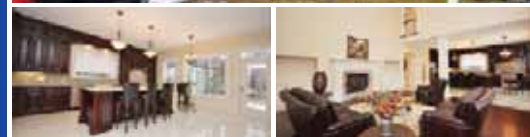
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'Slick' ad campaigns ignored: PM

The National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy's bid process may have been apolitical, but Thursday's event at the Halifax Shipyard wasn't.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, while extolling the virtues of the independent process that divvied up \$35 billion in shipbuilding contracts last October, took a not-so-subtle jab at the provincial government.

"(The NSPS was) the most open, fair, and transparent competition ever held. Lobbyists were told to stay away, slick advertising campaigns were ignored by the judges," said Harper. "And then the bids were evaluated on merit and merit alone."

The prime minister was no doubt referring to the Ships Start Here campaign, a \$620,000 advertising blitz by the provincial government and Irving Shipbuilding promoting the bid.

Harper was joined by several Conservative MPs, Defence Minister Peter MacKay, and Halifax Regional Municipality Mayor Peter Kelly at the mid-morning announcement.

Premier Darrell Dexter was not invited to the event, but issued a statement shortly after congratulating the two sides for coming to an agreement in principle.

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Harper hails 'new era' for shipbuilding

- ▶ Irving, federal government still must negotiate individual contracts
- ▶ Premier Dexter congratulates two sides for reaching umbrella agreement

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▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper announces an "agreement in principle" between the federal government and Irving Shipbuilding Inc. to build \$25 billion worth of warships at the Halifax Shipyard on Thursday.



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Irving Shipbuilding and the federal government have reached an "agreement in principle" to continue negotiations on a \$25-billion shipbuilding contract.

In Halifax on Thursday, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced the Halifax Shipyard and the federal government concluded negotiations on an umbrella agreement on the contract. The details of the agreement were not available.

Harper called it a "new

era" for shipbuilding in Halifax.

"Will this stop the flow of young people out of Atlantic Canada? Yes, it will. Will there be opportunities for those who have already left and wish to return? Yes, there will," Harper told a crowd of hundreds of Irving employees inside the Halifax Shipyard on Thursday.

"We understand the potential of this region. There is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to generate long-term economic growth here in Atlantic Canada."

There is currently no contract in place between

Decisions

▶ Stephen Harper promised there will be a "Canadian component" to designing the ships — a substantial part of the contract — but said there are still "many decisions to be made."

the yard and government. Steve Durrell, the president of Irving Shipbuilding, said he expects to negotiate two separate contracts over the 30-year life of the deal.

Durrell hopes the first of those contracts — for a set of Arctic patrol vessels —

will be in place by the end of 2012. That means details on a provincial investment in training and infrastructure upgrades for the Irving yard will not be disclosed any time soon.

"We're working through numbers, but things are still yet to be 100 per cent finalized," said Jim Irving, CEO of Irving Shipbuilding, after the announcement.

"We're going to get this umbrella agreement signed, and then we're going to do some more engineering, and then we'll be revisiting with the province."

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Winter weather only leads to few accidents

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Halifax Regional Police say they were called to only a handful of accidents on Thursday night despite the wintry weather.

Staff Sgt. Reid McCoombs said between 6 and 9:30 p.m., officers responded to fewer than 10 collisions.

"The few we had were minor ones," he pointed out.

"There just hasn't been a whole lot of traffic at all."

As forecast, Thursday's snow began late in the afternoon and continued into the

evening.

About 10 centimetres of snow was expected before it was to change to rain.

HRM advised residents Thursday the overnight parking ban would be in place because of the storm, meaning cars parked on the streets from 1 to 6 a.m. faced getting a ticket.

The storm also resulted in several cancellations, including a meeting about proposed changes to the Bedford school district, and a public information session about a planned cellphone tower in north-end Halifax.

The school-district-boundary meeting has been rescheduled for Jan. 26 at Basinview Elementary School at 7 p.m.

A new date for the cellphone-tower discussion hasn't been announced.

Region trying to get in front of the snow

► Winter Works have two brine-making plants: Halifax and Dartmouth ► Substance to be used on key roadways



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It's lucky a snow storm hit on Thursday.

HRM's winter works were getting ready to try out a new tool in their arsenal, and, luckily enough, Mother Nature decided to help out with the white stuff.

This winter they're going to try applying brine — a mixture of salt and water — to the roads up to 48 hours before a snow storm hits. The water evaporates and the salt is left on the road before it starts snowing.

"It's a preventative-type



► HRM Winter Works employees watch as a snowplow applies brine to Commodore Drive in advance of Thursday's snowfall.

measure we use to stop snow pack and give you that first jump ahead of the snow storm," said Gordon Hayward, HRM superintendent of winter works. "But once the snow actually starts, it's of no benefit to you then."

Salt needs time and moisture to break up ice and snow, and that's why it's applied during and after the snow falls. Also, trucks would scatter rock salt into the ditches before it would have a chance to work if it was applied before a storm.

Brine

► After the trial this winter, HRM will look at using brine in a wider area, but it will require a larger brine-making capabilities than what they have right now.

But putting brine on the roads before the snow helps to prevent ice from forming in the first place.

"It's certainly not new. The province is using it in various locations and in New Brunswick and in the States. The Europeans are 25 years ahead of us in de-icing technologies."

It's also way cheaper since it uses far less salt — using five times less salt. But Hayward said salt is still needed once the snow starts.



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Suspect arrested in bank robbery

A 20-year-old man is facing charges after police say someone walked into the Bank of Montreal on Quinpool Road and demanded cash from the teller. Police say the robbery took place at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, with the man, who was armed with the gun, fleeing on foot after obtaining some cash. He was then seen leaving in a newer-model Chevrolet Cobalt, a vehicle pulled over by police 20 minutes later. Police say cash and the weapon were recovered in the vehicle, and the man was taken into custody. This same man is also now fac-

ing charges in relation to an armed robbery at The Cash Store on Young Street on Wednesday.

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Two charged in break-and-enters

Two more people have been charged in relation to several break-and-enters in north-end Halifax. Over the past three weeks there were several break-and-enters in the Barrington Street, Duffus Street and Memorial Drive area. A 16-year-old boy was arrested earlier this week, and police arrested two other males — aged 17 and 20 — on Wednesday. The arrests came after two searches on Barrington Street and Jarvis Lane.

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Police focus on winter driving

This month's traffic focus by Halifax Regional Police is seasonally appropriate — they will be focusing on driving for weather condi-

tions. Police will specifically be looking at vehicles to make sure they are properly cleared off and driving appropriately for the weather. "Winter driving conditions throughout HRM can vary dramatically and require the driver's full attention," police said in a press release Thursday.

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SLOW DOWN

Watch for emergency vehicles: RCMP

Police are once again asking motorists to slow down when they pass first responders.

The RCMP says a "large number" of driv-

ers are failing to reduce speed when passing stopped emergency vehicles, such as ambulances or fire trucks, with their lights flashing.

A law passed in May 2010 requires motorists to drive the posted limit or 60 km/h, whichever is slower, when passing first responders. Drivers must also move to the farthest possible lane, so long as it is free and safe to do so. ● ALEX BOULTIER

New director named to rights commission

The first quadriplegic to reach the North Pole is the new director and CEO of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission.

David Shannon is a lawyer, author and human-rights advocate and was named to the Order of Canada last year for his contribution in the field.

Shannon, a native of the Halifax area, was previously a member of the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal and a special adviser to the Canadian Paraplegic Associ-

2009 The year David Shannon made his journey to the North Pole.

ation of Ontario.

A spinal cord injury at the age of 18 left Shannon a quadriplegic. His biography posted on the commission's website says he also holds the world record for the highest-altitude skydive by someone in a wheelchair after falling 28,500 feet. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Ferry prices going up next month

Marine Atlantic is tacking on a new charge for adult passengers travelling on its ferries and raising its general fares by four per cent starting next month.

The Crown corporation says it is introducing a security fee of \$3.50 for travel after Feb. 12 as part of

its new rate structure for this year.

The company says the price hike is meant to recoup costs associated with security measures required under federal regulations, including inspections.

Don Barnes, vice-president of Marine Atlantic, says the new charge is lower than security fees charged to airline travellers.

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► Toronto Blue Jays catcher J.P. Arenecibia wows the students at St. Stephen's Elementary School in north-end Halifax on Thursday.

**Jays hit home run with Halifax school visit**

► Also visited CFB Halifax and signed autographs at Mooseheads game

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It was a rock-star welcome for members of the Toronto Blue Jays in Halifax on Thursday.

Eagerly anticipating their arrival, students at St. Stephen's Elementary School broke out into a chant of "Let's go, Blue Jays" as the start of the hour-long assembly drew closer.

Then, when the players were introduced, the students, sporting white Blue Jays' toques, high-fived, low-fived and cheered loudly as each player made

his way to the front of the gymnasium.

"I heard Halifax and the people here love baseball and their sports. It's obvious," Jays outfielder Eric Thames said after the assembly ended. "The kids are great kids. They're laughing and having a great time. I love it. I honestly love the enthusiasm."

Joining Thames in Halifax as part of the Blue Jays winter tour of Eastern Canadian cities was pitcher Brett Cecil, catcher J.P. Arenecibia and Hall of Fame second baseman Roberto Alomar.

The four began by talking to the students about

"Homework is cool. Getting good grades is very, very cool."

BLUE JAYS OUTFIELDER ERIC THAMES TO STUDENTS

the importance of healthy living and doing well in school, then took questions — everything from "What is it like being a professional baseball player?" to "What would you be doing if it wasn't this?"

"For me, I would be a musician," Thames told the crowd, noting that he played violin growing up.

The others all said they were destined to be base-

ball players, though Alomar mentioned that being a doctor was something he could have seen himself doing.

When the assembly ended, the players joined the students for a group photo, before being overwhelmed by autograph seekers, which included some parents and staff.

"I understand and I know I am blessed that I play for an entire country," Arenecibia said of the fanfare they received in Halifax and throughout the winter tour. "It's the only team in the league that can say that. It's pretty cool."



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Coun. pushes for online booking

► HRM manages four arenas, rest handled by private operators ► Costs examined in upcoming staff report



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Coun. Darren Fisher requested this week that municipal staff look into an online booking system for HRM facilities. As it is right now, someone wanting to book ice time, for example, would need to call the specific arena and hope for the best.

Fisher said he'd like a system where all available spots are easy to see and people can use their credit cards to book.

"It will change the way things are done because everything is done individually," Fisher said.

"I've been talking to peo-

"I think there's a burgeoning group out there that would really embrace this." COUN. DARREN FISHER



RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

ple from away during hockey tournaments and this seems like an outdated system that we use. And even if we started today with a full-blown website, we'd still be behind the curve."

It's something he's been thinking about for a while, but is now hoping to get in on time for the upcoming budget.

Fisher said he has no

idea how much it would cost, but in conversations with staff, they indicated it could be doable with a manageable cost.

"Web sites don't cost what they used to (to) design and we have a lot of people in-house that can work on something like this."

Staff is now working on a report on the details of such a system and Fisher said he hopes it could be completed before budget deliberations in the next few months.

Fisher said he'd like to start with the ice pads HRM manages and expand it to all arenas, ball fields and even fire pits in Shubie Park.

Armed robber runs off with cash

Halifax Regional Police are looking for a man they say held up a cash store in Halifax on Wednesday night.

Police say just before 8 p.m., a man entered The Cash Store at 6021 Young St. and demanded the fe-

male employee hand over cash from the till.

He had his face covered with a hoodie and scarf, police say, and he was carrying a black handgun.

The suspect left with an undisclosed amount of

money and fled the scene on foot. The employee wasn't injured.

The man is described as being about five-foot-seven and 170 pounds. He was wearing a blue hoodie.

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► Firefighters look at the aftermath of a blaze that destroyed the Pine View Inn in Coldbrook.

'Sad to see all that gone'

A former manager of the Wandlyn Inn was saddened by news late Wednesday night of a fire at the Coldbrook business.

"I've had an opportunity to talk with a lot of former employees and we all feel the same way," Tom Fredericks said Thursday morning.

"It's really sad because those are the first things that come to mind is the good history, the fun and the camaraderie and it's sad to see all that gone."

Firefighters from throughout Kings County were called to Pine View Inn, which was formerly a

Wandlyn Inn, around 9:30 p.m. Wednesday. Firefighters battled the structure fire under frigid conditions and remained on the scene putting out hotspots on Thursday morning.

Fredericks worked at the business for 16 years until 2009. He started as the manager of Legends Lounge and later became the general manager of the property.

During its heyday the lounge was one of the top entertainment choices in the Valley with a good cross-section of music from hiphop and country to dance parties.

Fredericks was thinking of the employees.

"I feel really, really bad for the staff," he said. "You just can't leave something like this and then find a job the next day in hospitality in this marketplace."

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Inn history

► The business started in 1971 as the Coldbrook Motor Inn. The local owners later sold it to the Wandlyn Inn franchise.

► In September 2010, it became the Pine View Inn.

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We're feeling good about 2012

► But we expect local economy to have some dark days before turning around, according to poll results

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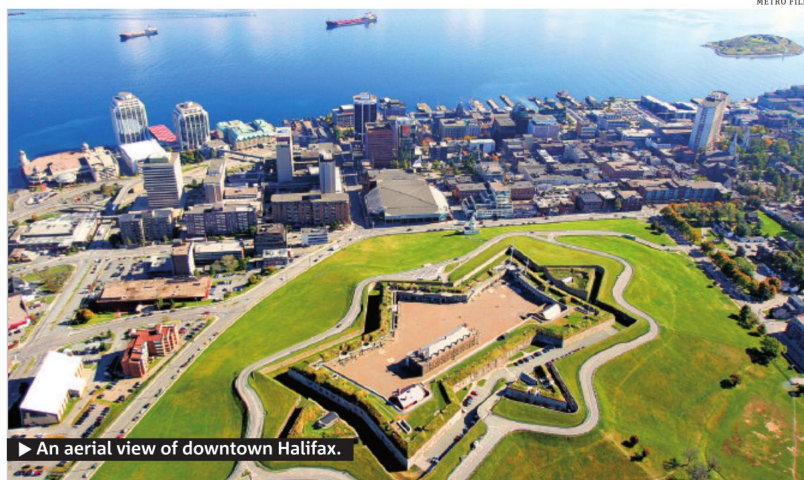
Halifax is feeling pretty buoyant these days.

Our recent research indicates

35 per cent of HRM residents are more confident in their household finances coming into 2012. Only eight per cent feel their economic situation will worsen in 2012 compared to 2011.

There are blips in the numbers, however.

Despite feeling confident about their personal circumstances, almost 50



► An aerial view of downtown Halifax.

per cent of those surveyed think the local economy will not change for the better in the coming months and a further 18 per cent think things will get a little worse before they im-

prove.

This apparent discrepancy is not unusual. Folks almost always feel they can do better than the system in matters of this nature.

They have confidence in

their personal resilience. It is also worth noting that the numbers have improved dramatically in HRM since 2010.

Behind the macro numbers there is a more signifi-

cant story.

We asked folks about their anticipated spending and savings behaviour for 2012. Just over 70 per cent expect to hold the line on their household budgets this year. Only nine per cent expect to be able to significantly reduce their debt, though 20 per cent plan to try.

As for savings, 49 per cent state that they feel confident they can save this year.

The research does detect a little uptick when it comes to people's intentions to make major purchases.

Compared to similar research over the past two to three years, 10 to 12 per cent more respondents intend to make a major purchase such as a new house or renovation, car or major appliance.

A full 50 per cent indicate they expect to make one of those purchases this year.

We seem to be fairly optimistic as compared to the rest of the country, where recent polls indicate confidence in the economy appears to be waning.

I plan to check in with folks at mid-year and see if they are still in the same mood.

Rick Emberley is senior counsel with the polling firm MQO Research. He has conducted public-opinion research in the region for more than 25 years.

Polling

► The survey asked 408 HRM residents, and carries a margin of error of plus-or-minus 4.7 per cent.



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Bloomfield Centre could be up for grabs

► HRM to request proposals for site in spring



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The municipality will be putting out a request for proposals for the old Bloomfield school site this spring.

HRM spokeswoman Shaune MacKinlay said the municipality is looking to see what proposals could come from the community and developers on the future of the site.

"We're just at the point we're ready to gauge interest for potential new interest in the site," she said.

The community group, Imagine Bloomfield, sent out a press release on Thursday saying the current issues with the sale of St. Patrick's-Alexandra

school could have been avoided by following Bloomfield's example.

When HRM reviewed the school site in 2004, the community and the tenants got together to come up with an alternative to putting it up for sale. Eight years later, the Bloomfield Centre is still heavily used by the north-end Halifax community.

"HRM clearly made a mistake in not following a community-based process in the sale of St. Pat's school," says Ron Skibbens, with Imagine Bloomfield, in the release.

"We hoped that all the work we have put in to come up with an alternative to a 'traditional' sale for development would have created a precedent

School-board interest

► In August last year, the Halifax Regional School Board expressed interest in the site for a possible new elementary school, but Coun. Jerry Blumenthal expressed concerns about kids crossing busy streets. The matter was deferred.

► A spokesman for the school board said they will be submitting an application when the HRM puts out the RFP in the spring.

that HRM could follow in dealing with similar situations."



► HMCS Preserver, one of Canada's operational support ships, designed to carry large amounts of fuel, provisions and dry stores during naval operations, is pushed by tugs in Halifax harbour in October.

Navy didn't inspect ship repairs: Report

The Royal Canadian Navy didn't inspect repairs to a ship's drainage pipe that later leaked about 14,000 litres of diesel fuel into the Halifax harbour last year, says an interim report into the spill.

HMCS Preserver was fuelling at a refinery when an improper seal allowed fuel to seep into the pipe, which carries solid waste, and then flow into the harbour, the report says.

The navy was able to recover most of the fuel before it spread to shore or cause extensive damage.

The report dated March

Company comment

Mary Keith, a spokeswoman for Irving Shipbuilding, declined to be interviewed but in an email said the company hadn't seen the report.

29, 2011 — about two weeks after the spill — was obtained through access-to-information legislation. A final report hasn't been completed.

Irving Shipbuilding was contracted by the navy to carry out an inspection of the 41-year-

old supply vessel's drainage lines in September 2010. It found sections of the pipe were "deteriorated and required replacement," says the report.

Irving was then hired to replace the pipes and install new fasteners and gaskets. But navy staff weren't given the opportunity to inspect those repairs, the report says.

The report says the lead investigator should find out why the drain line was not tested by Irving and the navy.

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Tenants escape fire in Sydney

Everyone escaped safely from a morning fire at a home in Sydney Thursday.

Cape Breton Regional

Fire Service was called to the fire, which occurred at a residence divided into a couple of apartments, shortly after 8 a.m., on Park Street.

By just after 9 a.m., the fire was out and firefighters were checking for hot spots, said Brent Denny, Cape Breton Regional Fire Service

deputy chief.

A number of neighbours from nearby homes stood out in the cold watching as firefighters worked. The tenants included a man, as well as a woman with two children. The fire is believed to have started in a bedroom.

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Global warming can be cut: Study

► Scientists say controlling methane and soot offers quick fix
► Don't ignore carbon dioxide

An international team of scientists says it has figured out how to slow global warming in the short run and prevent millions of deaths from dirty air: Stop focusing so much on carbon dioxide.

They say the key is to reduce emissions of two powerful and fast-acting causes of global warming — methane and soot.

Carbon dioxide is the chief greenhouse gas and the one world leaders have spent the most time talking about controlling.

Scientists say carbon dioxide from fossil fuels, such as coal and oil, is a bigger overall cause of global warming, but reducing methane and soot offers quicker fixes.

Soot also is a big health problem, so dramatically cutting it with existing technology would save between 700,000 and 4.7 million lives each year, according to the team's research published online

Pollution control

► Two dozen scientists from around the world ran computer models of 400 different existing pollution-control measures and came up with 14 methods that attack methane and soot.

► All 14 methods — capturing methane from landfills and coal mines, cleaning up cook stoves and diesel engines, and changing agriculture techniques for rice paddies and manure collection — are being used efficiently in many places, but are not universally adopted, said the study's lead author, Drew Shindell of NASA.

Thursday in the journal Science. Since soot causes rainfall patterns to shift, reducing it would cut down on droughts in southern Europe and parts of Africa, the study says.

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► Pictured is a gas well recovering methane gas at a landfill in Ferris, Texas. An international team of scientists say they've figured out how to slow global warming in the short run, prevent millions of deaths from dirty air and increase food production. And it will save more money than it will cost.

Woman settles case over mistaken mastectomy

A woman whose healthy breast was removed in the mistaken belief it was cancerous has settled her lawsuit against the hospital and doctors who operated on her.

Laurie Johnston, of Leamington, Ont., was seeking \$2.2 million in damages amid several investigations into how she and at least one other woman underwent surgeries they did not need.

Her lawyer, Barbara Mac-

Farlane, said Thursday that the lawsuit had been settled, but could not disclose any of the details.

Johnston was glad the situation had been resolved, she said, and looked forward to moving on with her life.

The cases, MacFarlane added, also prompted some positive changes in the overall system.

"I'm certainly happy with the changes that seem to have occurred as a result



► Laurie Johnston pauses in Toronto on March 3, 2010.

CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

of this case — the provincial investigation that happened, the legislative changes that occurred," MacFarlane said. "Overall, we're seeing a better public awareness and hopefully better public safety."

Johnston's lawsuit had named her surgeon, Dr. Barbara Heartwell, and pathologist, Dr. Olive Williams, as well as Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital in Windsor, Ont., where the surgery took place, and the Leamington

Damages sought

► The suit asked for \$1 million in general and special damages for her physical and emotional distress, along with punitive and aggravated damages of another \$1 million. Her two daughters and sister were also seeking another \$220,000 in damages.

District Memorial Hospital.
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Judge declares Holloway dead

An Alabama judge signed an order Thursday declaring Natalee Holloway dead, more than six years after the American teenager

vanished on the Caribbean island of Aruba during a high school graduation trip.

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U.S. first lady on Twitter

Michelle Obama's Twitter feed (@michelleobama) went live on Thursday.

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► Michelle Obama

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Hypnotic principal charged in Florida

A high school principal in Florida has been charged with two criminal offences after using hypnosis on two students who later commit-

ted suicide. George Kenney was charged with two misdemeanour counts of "unlawful practice of hypnosis."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Facebook move angers nursing mom

► Social networking site removes breast-feeding pictures she posted

A Vancouver woman is furious at Facebook after the company removed breast-feeding photos she posted on the social networking site.

Emma Kwasnica, 33, said since she joined Facebook in 2008, nearly 30 of her breastfeeding photos have been taken down and her account has been temporarily frozen in four separate incidents.

The latest incident occurred this past Saturday when she tried to log on, she said.

Kwasnica said Facebook removed her photos because of what it says are a violation of its policies on

"This is a child's right to eat, a mother's right to nurse her child. There's nothing sexually explicit in breastfeeding photos, nothing at all."

EMMA KWASNICA

obscenity, nudity and sexually explicit content.

Kwasnica said she has sent emails to Facebook, but has yet to receive an apology or any kind of response.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



► U.S. journalist Dan Savage, right, with his husband Terry Miller, at the LGBT Pride Month event at the White House in Washington last June. Savage said his husband reacted to the news they may not be legally married with "nothing you can print."

'We're going to fight': U.S. writer Dan Savage

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IN OTTAWA

Outspoken American author and journalist Dan Savage told his husband Thursday morning their marriage was no longer valid.

What did husband Terry Miller have to say about that?

"Nothing you can print," Savage told Metro

in an interview from Seattle.

The couple was reacting to news reports according to which the Conservative government argued non-resident same-sex couples who married in Canada are not legally wed if same-sex marriages are unlawful in their home jurisdictions.

"We're not crawled up

in the fetal position on the floor, we're getting up and we're going to fight," he said. "But we're pissed."

Savage said that the controversy has left marriages like his in "legal limbo."

"In Washington state, my husband and I are domestic partners because we're married in Canada," said Savage, who married

Miller in Vancouver in 2005. "So if we're not married in Canada, we're not domestic partners here."

Savage said the news was "personally distressing" and "a big step backwards for Canada."

He and his husband will continue to fight to ensure the issue is debated until equality is granted to all same-sex couples.

5,000

NDP MP Olivia Chow said that Canada used to be a "beacon of hope" for gay and lesbian couples wanting to get married but now it is a "laughing stock." Chow said if federal lawyers win their argument, then as many 5,000 non-residents who came to Canada to wed are not legally married.

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► An image from an undated video posted on Wednesday shows men in U.S. marine gear standing over three bodies, allegedly urinating on the corpses of Taliban fighters.



U.S. slams marines in 'golden shower' video

► Officials investigating video of men urinating on corpses

A video depicting four U.S. marines supposedly urinating on the corpses of Afghans has been condemned as "utterly deplorable" and "disrespectful."

It is "absolutely inconsistent with American values, with the standards of behaviour ... that the vast majority of marines hold themselves to," U.S. Secre-

tary of State Hillary Clinton said Thursday.

Clinton expressed "total dismay" over the video, which shows men dressed in combat gear standing over three bodies. It is unclear how the three died or whether they were Taliban or civilians.

"Anyone found to have participated or to have known about it ... must be

held fully accountable."

A caption beneath the video, which was posted on YouTube, identifies the men as part of a scout sniper team assigned to 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, out of Camp Lejeune, N.C. One man in the video says, "Golden like a shower." Another begins to say, "The whole thing," before it ends. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Text donations become new popular way to give back

The massive earthquake that devastated Haiti two years ago prompted an outpouring of charitable donations and propelled a new way of giving — through text messages — into the public eye.

A new survey shows that text messages are becoming a viable avenue to give and receive charitable donations, even though people give smaller amounts. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

56%

The majority of those surveyed — 56 per cent — have contributed to more recent disaster recovery efforts via text since the Haiti quake.



► A woman lies on the ground as she and others pray as they visit different areas of the city where people were killed during the massive Jan. 2010 earthquake in Port-au-Prince.

HAITI ANNIVERSARY NATION MARKS TWO YEARS SINCE QUAKE

Haitians are marking the second anniversary of the devastating earthquake with church services throughout the deeply religious country.

The earthquake took place on January 2010 and, according to government officials, killed 316,000 people and dis-

placed 1.5 million.

More than 500,000 are still in temporary settlement camps.

National memorial services were planned at a UN base and the site north of Port-au-Prince where thousands are buried.

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Man found guilty of public nudity

► **Naturist charged after going through drive-thrus naked** ► **Claimed nudity was a legal form of expression**

An Ontario court upheld Canada's public nudity law Thursday, saying it doesn't infringe on freedom of expression or the right to practise naturism.

While nudism could be considered a protected form of expression under certain circumstances, "requiring people to wear some modicum of clothing when in public is a reasonable limit," Justice Jon-jo A. Douglas told the court in delivering his judgment.

The court ruling comes after a constitutional challenge by a man charged in incidents involving public nudity in the Bracebridge area.

Brian Coldin was found guilty of partial nudity that



► Brian Coldin appears at court in Bracebridge on Thursday.

offended public order for incidents at a park and two fast-food drive-thrus.

He was found not guilty

in another incident that started on his own property, a clothing-optional resort he operates in the Bracebridge area north of Toronto.

At Coldin's trial, A&W and Tim Hortons workers testified he was nude when he came to the drive-thru windows and one worker said he pretended to reach for a wallet as if wearing pants.

Outside court Thursday, Coldin said he wasn't nude during that incident, but was wearing a towel.

In his ruling, Douglas found Coldin's actions expressed "not much more than his desire to be publicly nude."

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Brrr... It's cold outside



► A woman struggles to cope with the strong winds and heavy snow fall that blanketed Ottawa Thursday.

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Winter's finally here

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Housing prices to rise — slowly: Realtor

► Royal LePage predicts average price of resale homes will rise 2.8%

The price of homes in Canada will continue rising this year, but the hottest markets in Toronto and Vancouver will grow much more slowly, predicts Canada's largest real estate broker.

Low mortgage rates will

continue underpinning housing demand despite the weakening economy, said Royal LePage Real Estate Services in its annual housing outlook Thursday. "Interest rates are the primary driver behind activity

levels in the marketplace," said Phil Soper, Royal LePage president and CEO.

Experts believe interest rates will remain stable as the economy expands sluggishly, but eventually rates should rise with stronger

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Ever heard of a guy called Vincent van Gogh? The famous Dutch artist who was born more than 150 years ago in the Netherlands and who became known as an innovator in the art world. If you have heard of him, did you ever wonder how it would be to follow in his footsteps and use your own creativity just as he did? The Netherlands Embassy and its network in Canada invite teachers and students to participate in the "Vincent van Gogh goes to school" project, which will run from February – June 2012. The project is designed for children between the ages of 6 and 16 years old. Both elementary and high schools can join.

The school project coincides with Vincent's visit to Canada in the spring of 2012: the National Gallery of Canada, located in the capital Ottawa, will host "Van Gogh: Up Close" from May 25 – September 3 (2012). It will be the first major Canadian exhibition of works by the famous Dutch artist for more than 25 years.

Useful teacher's kit

Join us right now and we will send a teacher's kit including the "See and Do Children's Book" from Ceciel de Ble and Martijn Leenen, a dvd about the life of "Vincent van Gogh" to use in a class room setting. The teacher's kit will be distributed on a first come first served principle; last entries no later than January 17, 2012.

Learn, explore and experience

• Learn together with schools in the Netherlands that are participating in this project and would like to connect with schools in Canada.

Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands - www.dutchmissions.com

- **Explore** possibilities of the "Vincent van Gogh goes to school" project in your own class: it is not just about art per se. Van Gogh can be a history project, a biology project or even a language class.
- **Experience** the Netherlands and discover interesting facts about the Dutch, their country and the friendship with Canada.

Make - with your classmates and with the support of your teacher - an awesome painting of sunflowers; write a letter to Vincent; or, how about using your creativity to produce a movie, a rap, a comic, a poster, a board game or a picture? Increase your chances to win by uploading a video, a song, or a picture to the specially designed VincentinCanadaFacebook page from the Netherlands Embassy. Students can also sign up individually, and will be organized in the appropriate age category. The Sun Flowers – age group 6 – 10; The Irises – age group 10 – 13 and The Wild Roses – age group 13 – 16.

Are you in?

For more information on this project, to register and to receive the kit, send an email to: ott-ppc@minbuza.nl
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Leave our lunch break alone: Stockbrokers

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Layoffs at Pearson on the way

Big layoffs involving security screeners are coming at Toronto's Pearson International Airport, but whether that will mean travel delays and compromises in security is a matter of dispute between

their union and those employing them. The Canadian Air Transport Security Authority said contractor Garda World Security said that 68 screeners would be laid off and some 200 others would have their hours reduced. But the Canadian Airport Workers Union insists it has received layoff notices for 299 workers, about one-fifth of the screeners. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Sneaker workers get \$1M from Nike

Nike will pay workers in Indonesia \$1 million for unpaid overtime.

A trade union representing 4,500 employees from a plant that sews sneakers ac-

cused the sportswear giant of failing to pay nearly 600,000 hours in the last two years. After lengthy negotiations, Nike agreed to a settlement.

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It's going to be a jam-packed year, as we have to get it all in before the world ends on Dec. 21.

So let's get started with this week's Metro List, the

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- **@myleysdavid:** I just saw a cop car rip through the middle of the Halifax Commons at high speed! #wicked #shortcut
- **@MattMoore7:** #Halifax 's

pedestrians are almost as bad as its drivers. But still not as bad as its bicyclists.

- **@TheDisplayCase:** #tompetty tickets in the nosebleeds \$103 Hey Tom, did you forget your song #moneybecomesking I'm still going in #Halifax though
- **@lmkhfx:** Harper flies to #Halifax for 5 mins to reannounce ship building contract then fly straight to #Vancouver for same. Good use of tax \$. #fail
- **@alberchick:** Texting while walking was just training for blindly navigating #Halifax in blowing snow. #metrotransit: today I appreciate you #dontbelate

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Dutch storms create wave of orphaned seal pups

A volunteer feeds a seal a herring at the Pieterburen seal creche, north of the town of Groningen, in northern Netherlands on Thursday.

Storms that have lashed the Dutch coast this year have created a wave of orphaned baby seals, some so young their umbilical cords are still attached, wrenched from their mothers and washed up

on beaches and dikes. An existing Pieterburen seal rehabilitation and research center (SRRC) near the northern city of Groningen has been so inundated with pups and older seals in recent weeks it has erected a temporary tent to house them while they are nurtured back to health before being returned to the wild.

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'Screamers'

- American volunteer Torrey Utne said Thursday that in the last 10 days, more than 100 seals have been brought to the centre for treatment and it now houses some 350 of the marine mammals.
- Many of them are young pups known as "screamers" for their high-pitched whining.

"Some of the seals are really friendly.... They will come right up to you and sniff you because they know you are the one bringing fish."

AMERICAN VOLUNTEER TORREY UTNE, OF BOSTON

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Synopsis

In the crime thriller *Contraband*, Mark Wahlberg plays Chris Farraday, a reformed criminal forced to do the proverbial one last job when his brother-in-law Andy (Caleb Landry Jones) runs afoul of a local gangster (Giovanni Ribisi). To square the deal and pay-off Andy's debt, Chris agrees to go back into his old line of work — smuggling. In this case he must illegally transport millions of dollars in counterfeit bills. But can he navigate around the police, ruthless drug lords and double crosses to keep Andy and his family safe?

Ratings:

Richard: ●●●½

Mark: ●●●●

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE & MARK BRESLIN



Richard: Mark, Maybe January isn't a dumping ground for awful movies anymore. Used to be that only the dregs came out after Christmas, but *Contraband* is actually a pretty good thriller. It's not brilliant, but succeeds mainly because Wahlberg can play the family man, as he does in the first part of the movie, and then switch gears to have believable tough-guy swagger.

Mark: Well, the plot — One! Last! Heist! is as old as Dick Clark's toupee. But the movie is all in the details — the gritty port milieu, the dirty hold of the cargo boat, the cheap 'n'sleazy Panamanian

dives; this flick is the antidote to *Miami Vice* — there's zero glamour in this smuggling game. As far as Wahlberg goes, I found him totally believable and it's the best thing he's done in a while. But what's up with Ben Foster? Does he have to be a creep in every movie he's in?

RC: Foster is a fine but typecast actor. He really needs to break away from the deadbeat kind of characters he's been playing lately. More work like his heartrending performance in *The Messenger* please, and less like paint-by-number creepy guys he plays in movies like this

and *The Mechanic*.

MB: And I was all excited to see Kate Beckinsale out of *Vampirella* drag — and then they gave her nothing to do; the worst wifey part in recent memory. The other supporting roles weren't all that great, either, although Giovanni Ribisi does make a swell bad guy, and I'll always have a soft spot for JK Simmons after his role in *Oz*. I like seeing him in anything.

RC: With the way Ribisi chews the scenery here and his work in *The Rum Diary* he's proving himself to be the hungriest actor in Hollywood next to Nic

Cage. He was fun. Beckinsale, not so much. Why cast her and then simply make her the damsel in distress? You'd think after kicking werewolf butt in four *Underworld* movies she'd be able to defend herself by now. Unfortunately the supporting characters are less interesting than the movie as a whole.

MB: It's not really an 'actor's movie,' is it? But the mechanics of the heist work, as well as the action sequences, and that's why it's worth watching. Oh, and a fabulous art joke, which seems out of whack with the rest of the film, but is a hoot nevertheless.

▶ Mark Wahlberg easily straddles the world of family man and tough guy in *Contraband*.

Old plot, new twist

▶ The 'one last heist' genre gets the grit of Mark Wahlberg in *Contraband*

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Scene in brief



Will Smith will host Nickelodeon's 25th-annual Kids' Choice Awards. Nickelodeon announced Wednesday that 10-time winner Smith will host the March 31 ceremony from the Galen Center in Los Angeles. The show will air live on Nickelodeon. The actor recently finished filming *Men in Black III*.

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Sun shines again for Woody Allen after Midnight, his latest commercial awards hit

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► Channing Tatum meets his match in martial arts expert Gina Carano ► They square off in Haywire

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

Channing Tatum knows how to pick a fight. Last year, he quite vocally went on the record admitting he wasn't interested in watching or starring opposite a female action hero until Hollywood unearthed a woman who was truly intimidating.

"I've always wanted someone that I would be afraid to fight. And they found one," he grins, sitting in a suite at the Four Seasons in Beverly Hills where he's promoting his latest film, Haywire, a Bourne-esque action thriller about a covert operative caught in a deadly double cross that's headlined by female mixed

martial arts star Gina Carano. "Isn't she just the most amazing little thing ever?" Tatum gushes. "I mean, she's diesel, but she's just got the best heart and she's so good in this movie."

Carano, best known for her fight appearances and role as Crush on American Gladiators, was approached by Haywire director Steven Soderbergh to do an action movie, though he did caution her it would be "interesting" to see who signed opposite on for roles that demanded grown men get their butts kicked by a girl ... who also happens to be a trained Muay Thai fighter.

"She's a real fighter, she can beat up most dudes," Tatum chuckles.

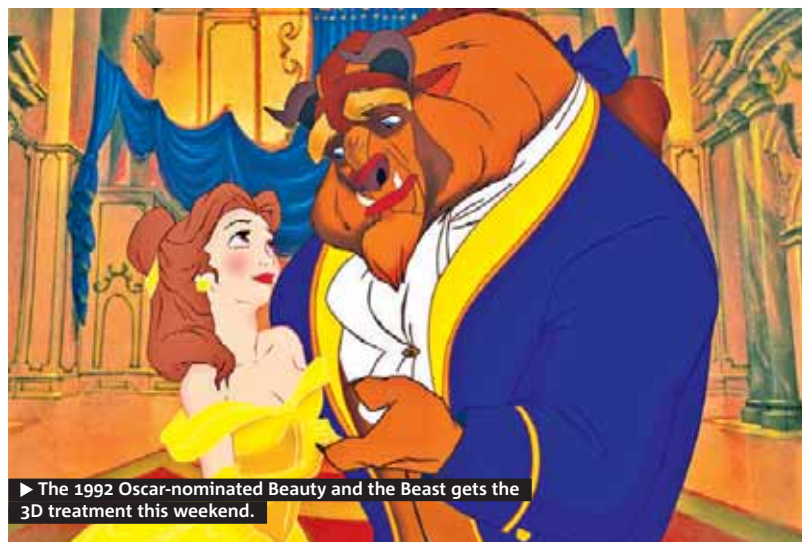
Her other co-stars are

equally enthusiastic: "Oh, I got my butt kicked sideways by her and I loved every minute of it," Ewan McGregor offers. "It never crossed my mind for a minute not to do the movie for some macho reason."

Carano, who describes herself as "a tomboy who also loved Pride and Prejudice," says she feels incredibly lucky to have been given the chance to do any movie, let alone the lead in a Soderbergh project.

"I don't consider myself what people are necessarily looking for," she says, surprisingly sheepish for someone who knows her way around a submission choke-out.

"So I knew if I was going to get this opportunity, it was going to have to come to me. And it did."



► The 1992 Oscar-nominated Beauty and the Beast gets the 3D treatment this weekend.

A beastly outing

► Chris Alexander takes his sons to Beauty and the Beast 3D ► The boys bond over chick-flick bashing

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Today, the house the mouse built digs up another masterwork, in 3D: 1992's sumptuous, Oscar-nominated Beauty and the Beast. For this review, I opted to not only bring my four-and-a-half year old son Jack to critique, but also another member of my film-reared brood, three-year-old Elliot, a young man who adores motion pictures ... but abhors wearing 3D glasses.

Now that's as good a place to start as any.

Beauty is just that, a ravishing classic fairy tale, with every single hand drawn frame a work of warm art. So why then, put it in 3D? The answer is, of course, to compete in today's screen leaping obsessed marketplace. Beauty is a dark affair, however, and much of the gimmick is ineffective. And in Elliot's case, annoying, as the lad kept removing his specs, refusing my many attempts to put them back

on. No matter. He still was gripped by the picture. Both boys were. It's tight, colourful, lively, operatic and brisk. And although the new 3D sheen lacks the punch it promises, it's still exciting to see Beauty and the Beast return to screens.

It also for me, marks a milestone in Jack's cinematic pallet in the form of his newly minted disdain for chick flicks.

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The Iron Lady

Genre: Drama
Director: Phyllida Lloyd

Stars: Meryl Streep, Jim Broadbent, Richard E. Grant

The film begins in the present with Margaret Thatcher, the longest serving British Prime Minister of the 20th Century, diminished by age. She daydreams conversations with her late husband and reflects on the past, which leads us into the "greatest hits" biographical format that makes up most of the movie.

It's all rather standard, elevated by a performance that once again displays what a great technician Meryl Streep is. She embodies Thatcher, from the flamboyant hair to the ever-present pearls although

the real heavy lifting is done in the "lion in winter" scenes. It's there the movie goes beyond the showy impersonation and becomes an emotional, well rounded portrait.

● RICHARD CROUSE



A Dangerous Method

Genre: Drama
Director: David Cronenberg

Stars: Michael Fassbender, Keira Knightley, Viggo Mortensen

Director David Cronenberg has rarely been this simply elegant. The story of two pioneering figures of psychoanalysis, Carl Jung (Michael Fassbender) and Sigmund Freud (Viggo Mortensen), who have a falling out over an intelligent but troubled patient, Sabina Spielrein

(Keira Knightley), is sophisticated and stylish. Shot compositions and camerawork are kept simple so as not to distract from the star of the show — the dialogue. As you might imagine for a drama about therapists, there is a great deal of talk. A Dangerous Method won't be for everyone. The combo of love story and birth of modern analysis is an odd mix, but in its introspection is a fascinating glimpse into the character's lives and minds.

● RICHARD CROUSE

Joyful Noise

Genre: Comedy/Musical
Director: Todd Graff

Stars: Queen Latifah, Dolly Parton, Keke Palmer

You'd have to be pretty hard hearted not to get a charge out of the outsized enthusiasm of Joyful Noise.

OK, the script is overloaded; it's unashamedly cornpone and "squeaky clean" is an understatement. It concerns a local church choir in a vaguely unsettlingly small Georgia town where everyone



knows your business.

And sadly, Dolly Parton may have passed the surgical tipping point.

However, the third act gospel competition is a glorious bolt of musical lightning that all but obliterates these niggling problems.

● ANNE BRODIE

The Descendants

Genre: Comedy/Drama

Director: Alexander Payne

Stars: George Clooney, Shailene Woodley

Director Alexander Payne's first film since Sideways continues his exploration of men disconnected from their lives. Centred on the tough choices Matt King (Clooney) must make after

his wife is left in a coma, King is forced to reconnect with his two daughters, deal with his sick wife's infidelity and shepherd a family land deal in their native Hawaii. The Descendants lays bare the raw and mixed emotions that come when making decisions without having all the answers.

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Bracing for Ricky's return

► Golden Globe nominees say they're ready, even eager, for the comic wrath of host Ricky Gervais

When Golden Globes host Ricky Gervais took sharp swipes at Mel Gibson, Bruce Willis, Robert Downey, Jr. and the Hollywood Foreign Press Association at last year's ceremony, some criticized the comedian for going too far.

Downey described the vibe as "hugely mean-spirited, with mildly sinister undertones."

With Gervais back for his third turn as Globes host on Sunday, nominees are already preparing themselves for the British funnyman's pointed jabs.

"I'll probably get the piss taken out of me, but it's fine with me," said Elton John, nominated for his song from Gnomeo & Juliet. "I'm British. I can take it."

Johnny Galecki, who is up for his first Golden Globe for his work on TV's *The Big Bang Theory*, said that when he got word he was nominated, "one of my first five thoughts was, 'Oh Christ, Gervais is going to make fun of me.'"

But the actor isn't really worried.

"I'll be flattered by it," said the 5-foot 5-inch Galecki. "I'm looking forward to it. I hope he doesn't just zero in on the height. That's just easy pickings."

Damian Lewis, nominated for his work on the TV series *Homeland*, said he might also be an easy target for Gervais.

"If he's got a thing about redheads, I'm a sitting duck," Lewis said.

Glee and American Hor-



ror Story executive producer Ryan Murphy is excited about Gervais' return and the spice he brings to the three-hour telecast.

"It's always good with the shows to have an un-

predictable element to them, and he certainly is that," Murphy said. "He's very funny and very smart and I think he will make nominees even more nervous than they already are,

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Metro's man in Hollywood, Ned Ehrbar, will be

backstage at the Golden Globes. Follow him on Twitter at @nedrick

which is kind of funny."

Seth Rogen, who produced and starred in best picture nominee *50/50*, is also looking forward to Gervais' return. He even went online to check out what the comedian said last year.

"It was the first time in a long time I'd gone on YouTube and watched something an awards show said," Rogen said.

Supporting actor nominee Christopher Plummer

said he appreciates Gervais' irreverence.

"I think finally everybody's come to that same conclusion: That that's him, he doesn't mean it, but he's very funny," Plummer said.

Jean Dujardin, nominated for his starring role in the silent film *The Artist* (which is also up for best picture and is the night's leading nominee with six bids), said it would be an honour if Gervais even mentioned him.

But there's a caveat, the actor said: "If he mocks me, he has to do it silently, without any words."

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2:10	Follow your Lucky Star... Iberostar Hotels & Resorts in Cuba and the Dominican Republic
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3:30	Jamaica - Once you go, you know! by the Jamaica Tourist Board & Sunset Resorts

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11:00	Amazing Thailand by the Tourism Authority of Thailand
11:40	A Snapshot of AMResorts
12:20	Discover the Caribbean with Sandals' Luxury Included® Resorts
1:00	Inside Cuba - The 4 destinations offered by Transat Holidays & Nolights
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1:30	Experience Europe with Air Canada Vacations
2:10	Florida Private Pool Homes, Condos & Townhomes and Legoland, Orlando's newest attraction
2:50	The Best of Barbados
3:30	Live Like Royalty with Riu Hotels & Resorts

Room IV

10:40	Highlights of Melia Hotels International - Cuba
11:20	Trafalgar's Europe, Britain, North America and More! "See the World From the Inside"
12:00	The Dominican Republic - Featuring the "IT" Zone with Transat Holidays
12:40	Discover Europe and the World with Globus and Avalon Waterways
1:20	SuperClubs' Collection of Hotels & Resorts - Discover what they do best
2:00	Junkanoo In The Bahamas! With The Bahamas Tourist Office
2:40	Russia, Eastern Europe & more with Exotix Tours
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11:40	Discover Cayo Santa Maria & Cayo Ensenachos with HOLA Sun Holidays
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So(u)n(d)s of anarchy

► Katey Sagal's music career gets a boost from hit show's soundtrack

Somebody get Katey Sagal a record deal — no really.

Although she's happy with her day job on the successful FX series *Sons of Anarchy*, in her heart, she's a singer — and she gets a chance to show it as part of a new collection of songs from the show's first four seasons.

"I love being an actor, but there's something about playing music that's a gift," the 57-year-old Sagal admits.

In the past, Sagal recorded on Elektra and Casablanca Records. But times have changed in the music business for her, and she paid to record her last album. Sagal yearns to record again in a more tra-



► Katey Sagal

ditional manner.

"I'm still old school. I have to go in the studio with a producer."

Music From *Sons of Anarchy*: Season 1-4 features three songs by Sagal, and represents a return to her main love. Though Sagal gained her fame as an actress, her first big break in show business was in mu-

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SOUND CHECK



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Here are some predictions for music in 2012.

Indie music's impact will be greater than ever. Major labels — we'll soon be down to just three — will continue to chase mass audiences with mass appeal artists. Their focus will be more on creating Top 40 superstars. It'll be up to the indies to deliver the truly interesting stuff. And they will.

In addition to mass appeal acts, the major labels will really push heritage

performers. This year's



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► Madonna is hoping her new album will go to number one on the charts.

performers. This year's big reunions so far are the Cranberries (new album on Feb. 14), the Stone Roses (festivals this summer) and Black Sabbath (new album this fall). Also expect more deluxe reissues (Tragically Hip, I'm looking at you) as they try to persuade us to buy new copies of old albums — at a premium, of course.

Madonna and the Rolling Stones will battle

it out for the tour of the year. Madonna will release her new album in March. And, although they're playing coy, there's no way the Rolling Stones won't go on a 50th anniversary tour this year.

The gap between what's on the radio and what the kids are listening to online will continue to widen. Ask anyone under 24 about Lana Del Ray and they'll know in-

stantly who you're talking about. Even though she's barely made any kind of dent in commercial radio, her indie appeal is enough for her to be the musical guest on Saturday Night Live.

This is the year streaming music services will really take off. Rdio and Slacker are already in Canada. Spotify is coming.

CDs will still be around in twelve months. Ignore all those stupid predictions that the labels will boot the compact disc this year.

There will be another glut of Christmas albums in 11 months. For the past couple of years, Christmas albums have saved the music industry's fourth quarter. The trend will repeat in 2012.

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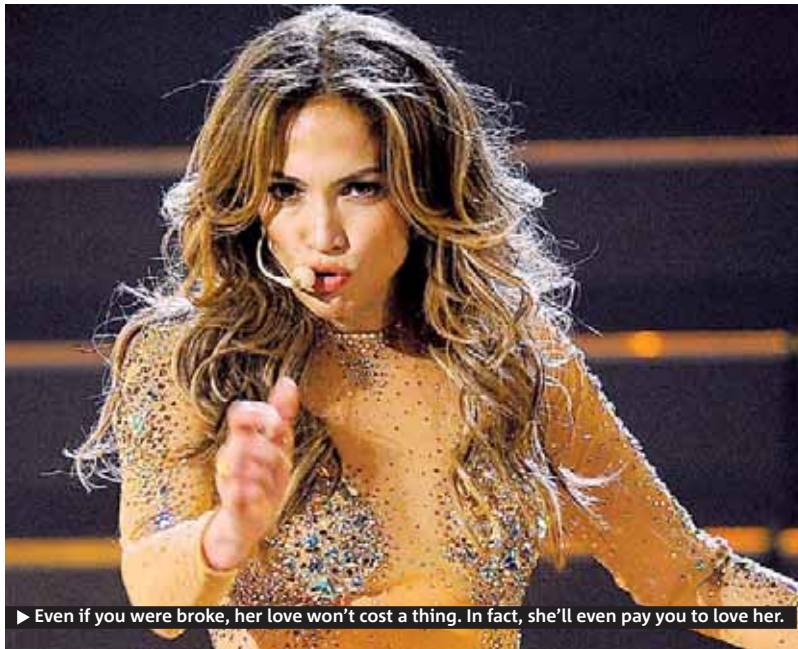
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It pays to be Jennifer Lopez's boytoy. Star magazine reports that Lopez is paying her former back-up dancer Casper Smart \$10,000 a week so he can pretend like he has the funds to date her high-profile self (it's like crazy Britney Spears all over again).

A source tells the mag, "She hated having to whip out her credit card every time they go to dinner. Jen figured it's easier to give Casper a weekly stipend, and she thought \$10,000 was a nice round number. Jen doesn't want to go over the top, showering Casper with too much, but she also wants him to up his game. Jen is hoping Casper won't think twice about buying presents for her



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► Even if you were broke, her love won't cost a thing. In fact, she'll even pay you to love her.

kids or whisking her off for a surprise weekend getaway."

Ha. No. \$40,000 a

month as payment to be your boyfriend isn't "over the top" at all! That's totally normal. From the block,

indeed. No wonder she's shilling so hard for Fiat — she has a boyfriend to support.



► Halle Berry

Berry still bursting

Halle Berry is reportedly eager to expand her family with fiancé Olivier Martinez, according to Star magazine.

"Halle is very serious about this marriage," a source says. "She's ready."

Another source adds, "Olivier has become her rock. Halle would love to have more kids, but she knows it might be difficult because of her age and the fact that she's diabetic."

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Talking points

Kelly back with Derek Jeter

THEY'LL BE OFF AGAIN IN A FEW WEEKS Minka Kelly is back together with her on-again, off-again boyfriend, New York Yankees star Derek Jeter, but when they were last off she didn't exactly have a shortage of other options. Sources tell Us Weekly that Kelly shot down a come-on from Jake Gyllenhaal last fall while she was temporarily single. But that's not to say that Gyllenhaal isn't up to her standards. Kelly was just "trying to patch things up" with Jeter quietly at the time.

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Cougar Town confuses Cox's child

I SAW MOMMY KISSING ... Courtney Cox says her on-screen romance with Cougar Town co-star Josh Hopkins has led to some confusing moments at home with her 7-year-old daughter, Coco, since Hopkins is also a close family friend. "She shouldn't watch Cougar Town, but she does," Cox tells Us

Celebrity tweets



"my bronchitis is going away...OR I'm dead and in heaven and don't know it yet...either way, it's all good."

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"And now, a much needed Epsom bath soak after all this working out I've been doing every day!"

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"According to the tabloids in my dentist's waiting room

we can expect a result in the OJ trial any day now."



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"Too bad there's not a robot Bob Hope to go entertain the unmanned drones at the front."

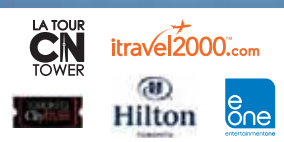
Weekly about her daughter. "She's always like, 'Mommy! Did you really kiss Josh?' And I'm like, 'I'm just faking it!'" Cox and Hopkins have been rumored to be dating in real life as well but have both denied reports of a relationship.

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A Golden Menu

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Dessert

A trio of chocolate almond crunch terrine with acacia honey, caramel and fresh berries.



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Wine sipping on a budget



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A New Year brings many things. None of which are more thrilling than those post-holiday bills dropped off by your friendly postman.

While coming to grips with how much you spent making your Christmas merry may be enough to drive you to drink, finding a bottle of something decent you can pay for with the change found between your couch cushions may seem unlikely.

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► Hosting a Golden Globes party? ► Impress guests by skipping the predictable finger foods ► Serve Blue Cheese & Walnut Crisps and wine

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Save the champagne for the Oscars and serve up a little port for a fun evening get-together to celebrate the Golden Globe winners.

The pairing of salty delicate crackers and sweet aged port will be a sophisticated match to enjoy while basking in the winners' circle.

Preparation:

1 In a food processor or bowl, combine cheese and butter. Add flour, walnuts, pepper and salt. Blend until dough starts to come together. Bring mixture together with your hands as necessary and place onto a large piece of plastic wrap.

2 Shape dough into about a 6 inch (15 cm) long log and refrigerate for at



► The recipe makes 30 crisps.

least 1 hour or until firm.

3 Cut into 1/4 inch (5 mm) thick slices and place on

parchment paper lined baking sheet. Bake in 350 F (180 C) oven for about 15 minutes or until gold-

en. Let cool completely on pan. Remove with small spatula. **EMILY RICHARDS IS A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA**

Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup (175 mL) crumbed blue cheese
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) butter, softened
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) all-purpose flour
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) ground walnuts
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) freshly ground pepper
- Pinch salt

Crisp Tips

► **Dough**
Make the dough ahead and keep it refrigerated for up to five days. Slice and bake it as needed.

► **Topping**
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Balance these two tastes with the delicate texture of snow crab.

If desired, omit the mixed greens and serve the seafood cocktail on Asian soup spoons or Belgian endive leaves for an easy finger-food appetizer.

Preparation:

1 In a skillet, heat the oil over medium heat and cook the garlic, onion and paprika for 2 minutes. Add the shrimp and crab and the

orange and grapefruit juices and simmer for about 4 minutes or until the juices are absorbed.

2 Stir in the coriander, red pepper, hot pepper sauce and salt. Cover and refrigerate this mixture for at least 1 hour or up to overnight.

3 Divide the mixed greens among 6 cocktail glasses and spoon seafood mix over top to serve.

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► This recipe serves six.

Ingredients:

• 15 ml (1 tbsp) canola oil

• 3 cloves garlic, minced

• 75 ml (1/3 cup) finely diced red onion

• 2 ml (1/2 tsp) smoked paprika

• 250 g (8 oz) raw shrimp, peeled, deveined, chopped

• 1 pkg (200 g/7 oz) frozen

snow crab, thawed and squeezed dry

• 75 ml (1/3 cup) each orange and grapefruit juice

• 50 ml (1/4 cup) chopped fresh coriander

• 30 ml (2 tbsp) finely diced red pepper (optional)

• Hot pepper sauce, to taste

• Pinch salt

• 500 ml (2 cups) greens

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Return to power in Halifax

► Herd rides outstanding special teams to first win of 2012 ► Drouin scores 1st career QMJHL goal



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Near perfection in the special-teams department helped the Halifax Mooseheads return to their winning ways on Thursday night.

The Mooseheads scored three power-play goals in a two-minute, 18-second stretch in the second period, then threw in a pair of shorthanded goals for good measure while going six-for-six on the penalty kill, in a 6-2 win over the Drummondville Voltigeurs at the Metro Centre.

"Special teams were incredible today — that's what made the big difference in this game," said Mooseheads right-winger Alexandre Grenier, the first star with two goals and an assist. "That's what we also need in the playoffs. That's what makes good teams come out on top."

Grenier's second of the night kick-started the power-play outburst in the second period, as the Vancouver Canucks draft pick ripped one home from the point on a two-man advantage to make it 2-1 at 4:14.

Rookie Jonathan Drouin made it 3-1 at 5:57, slamming in the rebound of a Grenier shot for the first of his QMJHL career, and Brent Andrews made it 4-1

"I was hesitant at the start of the game. I hadn't had too much contact in practice, but I felt really good out there."

BRENT ANDREWS ON HIS RETURN FROM A SPRAINED ANKLE

on a tip-in just 34 seconds after that.

"If your power play's going it gives a lot of momentum to your team, even if you're not scoring," said Andrews, who returned from a sprained ankle to score twice as part of a three-point night. "It's definitely good when the puck's going in the net and the boys capitalized tonight."

Grenier, who has shown tremendous chemistry with Drouin when they've been paired together, passed up a great chance for his first career hat trick on a 2-on-1 late in the third by attempting to set up a teammate. He now has six two-goal games in 69 career QMJHL games.

"It's going to come," the Vancouver Canucks draft pick said. "I got s— on the bench because I didn't shoot on that 2-on-1, but we have (26) games left so there will be more opportunities to come."

It was the first win of 2012 for the Mooseheads, 25-13-4.



► Drummondville Voltigeurs defenceman Charles-David Beaudoin and Halifax Mooseheads forward Alexandre Grenier battle near the boards during the first period of Thursday night's QMJHL game at the Metro Centre.

Moose ready for their close-up

The rest of the country will get their first glimpse of Nathan MacKinnon and

the rest of the Halifax Mooseheads on Friday night.

The Mooseheads, who host the Chicoutimi Saguenéens at 8 p.m., will be televised live on Sportsnet, and they're hoping not to get too caught up in the hype of being thrust into the national spotlight.

"Everybody's going to be watching across Canada, which is exciting for all the guys," said Mooseheads centre Brent Andrews. "But no matter who's watching ... 5,000 people in the stands or everybody across Canada ... we've got to put our work boots on and get the 'W.'" **● MATTHEW WUEST**

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► Forward Tyrone Levett, one of the Rainmen's top rebounders, will have some help down low with the signing of six-foot-seven Richard Anderson.

Rainmen plan to 'push the ball' against Mill Rats

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The Halifax Rainmen have added some size to their lineup for Saturday's home game against the Saint John Mill Rats.

The Rainmen signed six-foot-seven, 260-pound Richard Anderson of Ottawa on Wednesday, bringing in a former Simon Fraser University star who spent seven years on the Canadian national team from 1999 to 2005.

But even with Anderson, the Rainmen don't have a healthy player taller than six foot seven, so they'll have their hands full with one of the best big men in the league, Antoine Tisby, on Saturday. The six-foot-nine Mill Rats standout is averaging 16 points and nine rebounds

per game.

"Everybody's got to box out, and we've got to push the ball," said Rainmen point guard Joey Haywood. "That's our advantage. We're small, but we can push the ball up the floor really well. We have really good guards who can push the ball and our big men can run the floor, too."

Anderson, 34, most recently played professionally in the Czech Republic. He gives the Rainmen three Canadians, joining Haywood, a Vancouver native, and Halifax's Christian (T-Bear) Upshaw.

The Rainmen, second overall with a 13-5 record, have a 1-1 head-to-head record with the fourth-place Mill Rats (9-11).

Tip-off at the Metro Centre is at 7 p.m.

SOCCER

Ur looking to go pro in Florida

Former Dalhousie Tigers all-Canadian goalkeeper Ben Ur will take a shot at a professional soccer career later this month.

The Halifax native has been named to the United Soccer League combine in Bradenton, Fla., from Jan. 26 to 29 in the hopes of landing a job

when the circuit opens its 2012 season in April.

"It's very exciting to be given the opportunity to compete at this event and it's something I'm looking forward to," Ur said in a release.

Ur spent five years at Dalhousie, earning Atlantic University Sport all-star team spots four times and leading the team to a conference championship in 2008. He is also a standout in the EastLink Premiership level, having led Halifax Dunbrack to a provincial crown in 2010. ● METRO

Back with a vengeance

► Kessel's strong first half makes it unlikely he'll be last all-star pick again

Phil Kessel is heading back to the NHL all-star game and it's hard to imagine he'll have to wait until the end of the draft before hearing his name called this time.

The Toronto Maple Leafs forward was among the final 36 players added to the event by the league's hockey operations department Thursday. Kessel joins Leafs teammates Joffrey Lupul and Dion Phaneuf for the Jan. 29 game in Ottawa.

Kessel's participation in last year's all-star weekend is best remembered for him becoming the last selection in the inaugural draft — a somewhat embarrassing moment that included Capitals star Alex Ovechkin chuckling and snapping a photo of Kessel sitting alone.

"Hopefully he's not selected last two years in a row," Lupul said Thursday. "But he got a car for it, so I mean it's not all bad, right?"

Besides, no one is laughing now.

Kessel has been among the league's most prolific players all season and entered play Thursday sitting second overall in scoring with 48 points, two behind Vancouver Canucks forward Henrik Sedin, another newly minted all-star.



► Phil Kessel has been selected for this year's all-star game.

The top nine scorers so far will all be in attendance, a list that includes Philadelphia's Claude Giroux, Tampa Bay's Steven Stamkos, Vancouver's Daniel Sedin, Chicago's Marian Hossa, Pittsburgh's Evgeni Malkin and Ottawa's Jason Spezza, along with Henrik Sedin, Kessel and Lupul.

Other attendees include names like Ovechkin, Jonathan Toews, Corey Perry, Zdeno Chara, Pavel Datyuk and Henrik Lundqvist — making it a who's-who gathering of NHL players.

"I think it means a lot (to be there)," said Henrik Sedin. "It's one of those things I think you're going to look back at when you're done playing (and feel proud) that you've been to one or a few of those. That's something you can tell your grandkids."

The draft format will remain for this year's event but is expected to include a few changes. As the last man standing a year ago, Kessel received \$20,000 US for charity and a Honda CR-Z hybrid.

"I've still got it," he said

Thursday.

A similar bounty is expected to soften the blow for the final player selected at the draft in Ottawa.

The NHL Players' Association worked in close consultation with league executive Rob Blake on the organization of the event and players were overwhelmingly in favour of keeping a last man standing.

The captains and assistants in charge of selecting the all-star teams will be announced next week.

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Habs deal Cammalleri to Flames

► Montreal's season to forget continues with trade of forward for Bourque, Holland and a second-round pick

The Montreal Canadiens shipped forward Michael Cammalleri to the Calgary Flames on Thursday, adding another chapter to the storied organization's turbulent season.

The Canadiens receive forwards Rene Bourque and Patrick Holland and a second-round pick in the 2013 draft. Bourque is currently serving a five-game suspension for elbowing Washington's Nicklas Backstrom in the head.

The trade comes one day after Cammalleri was quoted as questioning the Canadiens' attitude in the dressing room after a loss to the St. Louis Blues.

Canadiens general manager Pierre Gauthier denied the trade had anything to do with the recent controversy and said the team has been work-

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Cammalleri has nine goals and 13 assists for 22 points in 37 games for the Canadiens this season.

ing on a deal for more than a month.

He said the young players who joined the team this year like David Desharnais and Rafael Diaz are smaller skaters, but the team needs to get bigger.

"The majority of goals are scored around the net now, on deflections, screened shots," he said. "We need to score those difficult goals. You need to go to those areas to get those second and third chances."

"We improved our team tonight. It's not to put down Mr. Cammalleri, it was to get bigger as a team."

Cammalleri is listed as five-foot-nine and 190 pounds, while Bourque's player profile says he is six-foot-two and 211 pounds.

Cammalleri returns to the Flames, where he had 39 goals and 82 points in the 2008-09 season. Calgary also acquires goaltender Karri Ramo and a fifth-round pick in the 2012 draft.

Montreal coach Randy Cunneyworth confirmed the deal after Thursday night's game against Boston. Cammalleri was pulled during the third-period of the game and apparently sent back to the team hotel.

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► Canadiens left wing Mike Cammalleri plays against the Bruins on Thursday. He left the game in the third period.



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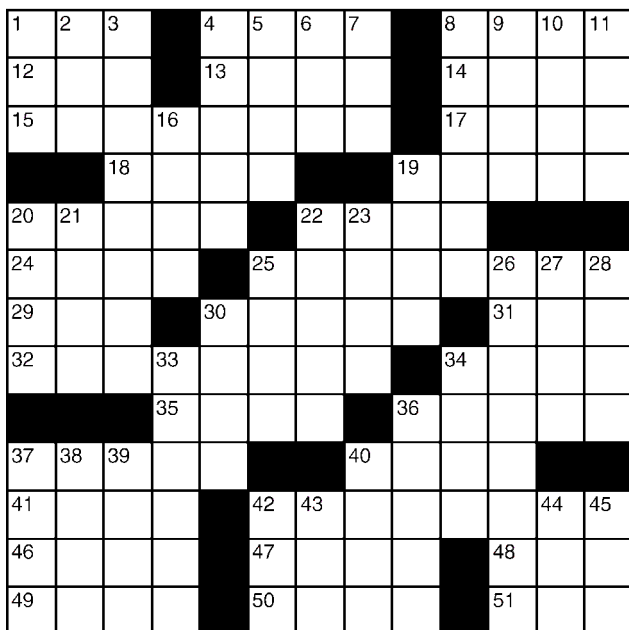
Crossword

Across

1 Intention
4 Corkboard accessory
8 Contemptible
12 Master of the macabre
13 Reed instrument
14 "Holy cow!"
15 Earn
17 Protracted
18 Spruced up
19 Like some summer days
20 Ill
22 Booty
24 Oodles
25 Strong Holland gin
29 Depressed
30 Nonsense
31 George's brother
32 In one's head, as opposed to on paper
34 Mimicked
35 Dumbstruck
36 Thin pancake
37 Hut
40 Emptiness
41 Flirtatious gesture
42 Decisive confrontation
46 "American —"
47 Detest
48 Court
49 Simmons of KISS
50 Basin accessory
51 Fresh

Down

1 Smart-phone download
2 Debtor's letters
3 Rapid decline
4 Hot rum drink
5 "— Named Sue"



6 Intimidate
7 Understanding
8 Whale variety
9 Quite enthusiastic
10 Trilled
11 Envelope-pushing
16 Light refrain
19 Scads
20 Soother ...
21 ... that may contain this
22 Berate
23 Part of Miss Muffet's lunch
25 Cobbler's item
26 "Hush!"
27 Get ready
28 Marquis de —
30 Warmonger
33 Equipment
34 Dry
36 Cringe
37 Hearty drink
38 Stash
39 Unsigned (Abbr.)
40 November responsibility
42 That girl
43 Hem's partner
44 "Alas!" emotion
45 Without further ado

► Yesterday's answer



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Yesterday's answer ►



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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20

Today's Sun-Mars link makes this the ideal time to impress employers and other important people.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

There is nothing you cannot do and nothing you cannot have. No, really. The only danger is that you might get carried away.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

Find a quiet place where you can be alone then ask yourself some questions about who you are.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

If you let partners dictate the terms today, you can be sure that they won't be favourable to you.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

You have been working too hard and need a break. You will be no good to anyone if you run yourself into the ground.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22

With Mars in your sign, linked to the Sun, there is precious little you cannot do today. Get out there!

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Today, you'll have to deal with someone you don't like, but there is no point in getting annoyed.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Today, you will attract a few hangers-on. Watch that they don't have too good a time at your expense.

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♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

With both Mars and Pluto strong in your chart what changes you decide to make will be irreversible.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Your confidence is at a high at the moment. But that does not mean you have to do everything.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

The less others know about your aims and ambitions, the better. It's OK to be a bit secretive today.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Take the initiative in group and social activities, and don't be afraid to tell others what they should be doing. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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